

Whereas, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 4 Business Manager Michael J. Pendergast, an esteemed resident of St. Louis, Missouri, has been appointed as an International Representative with the IBEW in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, Michael Pendergast was elected Business Manager and Financial Secretary of IBEW Local 4 in 1990, since which time he has been re-elected every three years; and

Whereas, a delegate to the Missouri AFL-CIO, the Greater St. Louis Labor Council, and several IBEW international conventions, Michael Pendergast served as an executive board member of the North County Labor Legislative Club and the Missouri State Electrical Council; and

Whereas, a 1969 graduate of McBride High School, Michael Pendergast received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1973; and

Whereas, Michael Pendergast began working as a part-time stagehand in 1969, at television stations, the Muny Opera, Kiel Auditorium, and the Loretto Hilton, and went on to become a full-time staff technician at KSDK-TV Channel 5 and joined IBEW Local 4; and

Whereas, Michael Pendergast fought for the rights of Local 4 members during contract negotiations at Channel 5 through tactics that included staging loud rallies outside the Channel 5 building, buying space on billboards urging the public to boycott the station, and popping up behind reporters during live on-camera reports with signs saying "turn off Channel 5", measures which subsequently earned him the nickname "The Phantom" among Local 4 members; and

Whereas, Michael Pendergast has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his devoted wife, Patricia Laughlin, a St. Louis Public Schools teacher and member of the American Federation of Teachers Local 420:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes to Michael Pendergast as he begins his new international position with the IBEW in Washington, D.C.; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Michael J. Pendergast.

Offered by Representative Joan Barry, District No. 100
Representative James M. Foley, District No. 81
Representative Thomas E. George, District No. 74
Representative Timothy P. Green, District No. 73
Representative Thomas S. Green, District No. 15
Representative John J. Hickey, District No. 80
Representative Jenee Lowe, District No. 44
Representative Bill Luetkenhaus, District No. 12
Representative Patrick J. O'Connor, District No. 79
Representative James P. O'Toole, District No. 68

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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